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INDONESIAN ELECTIONS

- I. Based on latest official election returns (Reuters, 12 October), strengths of four major parties (expressed in percentage of total vote) are as follows:

	<u>2</u>	<u>VOTE CAST</u>
National Party	-- 25.7	- 7,438,373
Masjumi	-- 24.1	- 6,973,195
Nahdlatul Ulama	-- 21.6	- 6,269,099
Communist Party	-- 20.1	- 5,816,283
All others	-- 8.6	- 2,500,000
TOTAL		28,998,152

- II. These returns account for approximately 29 million votes or over 90 percent of the estimated vote cast on 29 September.

- III. Allocation of seats is expected to approximate percentages of popular vote (FOR ALLOCATION MECHANISM, SEE OTHER CARDS).

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elected parliamentary seats would be distributed approximately as follows:

National Party	66
Masjumi	62
Nahdlatul Ulama	55
Communist Party	52
All others	<u>22</u>

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v. Maximum possible number of parliamentary seats is 278. This number includes three appointed seats to represent West New Guinea and 18 appointed seats to represent racial minorities.

A. Regulations for appointing these seats have not yet been decided on.

vi. Allocation of parliamentary seats will not take place until all elections are held and all votes counted officially.

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A. Approximately 10 percent of the electorate in unprepared or dissident areas has not yet voted and another 7 percent may be required to vote again in Central Java.

B. This may hold up official count and allocation of seats until after 29 November, deadline for delayed elections.

VII. Although election returns are incomplete, it is clear no party will have majority and that coalition government will be necessary.

A. Ali Sastroamidjojo, former prime minister and National Party spokesman, told American official on 8 October that National Party council had voted against coalition with Communists.

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- B. He said coalition with Masjumi could not be rejected but hinted that Nationalists would prefer working with NU.

VIII. As returns now stand, a combination of any two of the four leading parties would give coalition a total just slightly less than a majority.

- A. Then seats are actually allocated, this situation may change so that a combination of two parties would achieve a bare majority.
- B. Otherwise, either a triple alliance among the majors will be necessary or enough minor parties must join a major pair to bring the total seats to a majority.

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